

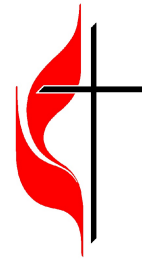
**THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL, APRIL 26—MAY 2, 2009**

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| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | 9:30 a.m.   | Sunday School<br>(Nursery: Connie Davis, Helen Landes, Jo Ann Black, Craig Dorn) |
|                  | 11:00 a.m.  | Worship Service  |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | 5:00 p.m.   | Weight Watchers (Fellowship Hall)  |
|                  | 7:00 p.m.   | Staff-Parish Relations Committee (Connections)                                   |
|                  | 7:00 p.m.   | God's Quilts (Heritage Room)   |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | 9:00 a.m.   | Child's Play   |
|                  | 7:00 p.m.   | Church Council (Connections)   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | 10:00–11:30 | Food Pantry Open   |
|                  | 10:30 a.m.  | Qigong Exercise  |
|                  | 2:30 p.m.   | Endowment Committee (Connections)  |
|                  | 6:00 p.m.   | Women's NA (Eagon Hall)  |
|                  | 7:00 p.m.   | Bell Choir Rehearsal   |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | 9:00 a.m.   | Child's Play   |
|                  | 7:00 p.m.   | Chancel Choir  |
|                  | 7:00 p.m.   | Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)   |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | 8:15 p.m.   | Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)   |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | 8:30 a.m.   | United Methodist Men (Rowe's)  |
|                  | 6:30 p.m.   | Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)   |

**DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?** Please note it in our Prayer Book (located in the Narthex), and our prayer ministry team will join you in praying for the person/need.

| IN MINISTRY                       |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| General Ministers.....            | 368                     |
| Pastor.....                       | Stephanie M Sault       |
| Lay Assistant to the Pastor.....  | Donna R. Huffer         |
| Retired Missionary Professor..... | Hunter P. Mabry         |
| Professor MBC.....                | Kenneth A. Beals        |
| Minister of Music/Organist.....   | Sherry von Oeyen        |
| Church Secretary.....             | Agnes Campbell          |
| Custodian.....                    | Janet Nuckoles          |
| District Superintendent.....      | Kathleen Overby Webster |
| Resident Bishop.....              | Charlene Payne Kammerer |

*The Mission  
of Central UMC  
is to make disciples  
of Jesus Christ.*



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*Morning Worship  
Third Sunday of Easter  
April 26, 2009 11:00 a.m.*

*The Entrance*

Welcome and Announcements  
Prelude . . . . . “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”  
arr. Donald Busarow

\*Greeting

The risen Christ calls us to this place.

**As Easter people we come to worship God.**

The wounded and suffering Messiah calls us to this place.

**As Easter people we come to worship God.**

The God of new life calls us to this place.

**As Easter people we come to worship God.**

**In the name of the risen Christ,  
let us worship God.**

\*Hymn 318..... “Christ Is Alive”

\*Opening Prayer

**We come before you, O God, in Easter joy,  
seeking to be a people of the resurrection.  
Be known among us;  
grant us the assurance of your presence,  
your love, and your renewing power.  
Through your Word and Spirit,  
reveal to us your purpose in our lives.  
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*Please Stand as Able

Children's Focus

*Proclamation and Response*

Prayer for Illumination

*(After the reading of the Scripture Lesson the reader will say: "This is the Word of the Lord.")*

*The congregation responds: **Thanks be to God.***

First Reading. . . . . Acts 3:12-19 (Pew Bible, Page 88)

Psalter 741. . . . . Psalm 4

Second Reading. . . . . 1 John 3:1-7 (Pew Bible, Page 990)

Musical Offering: "Children of the Heavenly Father" . . . . . arr. L. F. Schneider, Jr.

\*Gospel Reading. . . . . Luke 24:36b-48 (Pew Bible, Page 861)

Sermon: "Can You Believe It?" . . . . . The Rev. Judy Loehr

*Response to the Word*

Pastoral Prayer and Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Peace

By dying, Christ destroyed our death; in rising, he restores our life;  
in giving us his Spirit, he grants us peace. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Prayer

*(Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.)*

Offering: "Sanctuary Prayer" . . . . . Eric Lewis

\*Congregational Response: Hymn 95. . . "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Affirmation of Faith, Apostles' Creed. . . . . Page 882

*Thanksgiving and Holy Communion*

Invitation

Celebration of Holy Communion. . . . . Pages 18-20, Setting B

Hymns: 2086 (*The Faith We Sing*), 349 (*UMH*), 2269 (*The Faith We Sing*)

*Sending Forth*

\*Hymn 310. . . . . "He Lives"

\*Blessing and Sending Forth

\*Congregational Response: Hymn 666 . . . . . "Shalom to You"  
**Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.**

**May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.**

**In all your living and through your loving,**

**Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom..**

\*Postlude: "To God Be the Glory". . . . . arr. Lani Smith

**TO OUR GUESTS:** We are delighted to have you worship with us. All the opportunities and programs of Central are available to you. To become a member of this fellowship, please talk with the pastor after the service. Following the service will be a time of refreshment and fellowship. Please join us so that we might get better acquainted.

**WE WELCOME** our guest minister, The Rev. Judy W. Loehr. She has served as a pastor for the past 17 years, both in Tennessee and Virginia. Prior to her ordination, she served as diaconal minister of music in churches in Tennessee, Maryland, and Florida and served as the director of church music and worship for the Board of Discipleship in Nashville.

**PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT** to sign the attendance slip in your pew; and, if you are a member here, please introduce yourself to anyone who might be visiting with us today. Your warmth and hospitality will be a blessing in someone's life today.

**THE COMMUNION RAIL** is open for prayer at any time, but particularly during the pastoral prayer, during Communion, during the final hymn, and after the worship service. If you would like the pastor to pray with you, please let her know.

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP . . .** Children are invited to worship with their parents in the Sanctuary. Following the Children's Focus, children under 6 years of age may go to the play room. Later, during the Doxology, they will be brought back into the Sanctuary to participate with their parents in the Great Thanksgiving and receiving the Lord's Supper. We welcome the participation of the youngest members of the family of faith.

**FLOWERS** for our service today are given by the Wesley Fellowship Class in memory of their deceased members.

**GREETERS:** Jim and Kay Linnane

**READER:** Jim Printy

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Joe and Lynn Hill; Jack and Wanda True

**USHERS:** Steve Huffer, Tom Spotts, Jim Printy, James Creger, Jack True, Tom Davis, Judd Bankert, Ed Smith, Joe Hill, Mike Melton, Jim Linnane, Donna Huffer, Frank Wade

**OUR WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP** (April 12) Attendance: 90

Received toward budget/operating expenses: \$3,874.54

## Kroger Cares Fund Raiser Program

**Sign Up in the Gathering Room**

**April 26 & May 3**

**Cost: \$5 – to order your Kroger Cares card**



Kroger Cares is a program offered to churches and non-profit agencies in which members of the church purchase a special card, make purchases at Kroger as usual, and a percentage of their purchases is donated back to the church.

Members and friends may sign up to purchase one of the special cards—\$5 cost, which then you are able to redeem at the store. But, you will probably want to spend more than \$5, so you may go to the Customer Service window at Kroger and add additional funds to the card by using cash, check, or credit card. (This is called “loading,” and you may load up to a balance of \$500 if you wish.) You will then use your card to make your purchases of groceries, gasoline, or pharmacy purchases—just as you normally would. When your card balance is low, you may load it again.

The accumulating amounts of monies (for cards purchased by the Church and all funds “loaded” onto the cards) are placed into our Kroger Cares account. When that account reaches a total of \$5,000, Kroger will make a contribution of 5% to Central (\$250). The account then resets to zero and we begin working toward the next rebate.

Funds received from both the Kroger and Food Lion (below) programs will benefit our Fellowship Fund (Pastor's Discretionary Helping Fund) and Food Pantry.

### LION SHOP & SHARE

Please also check with Eric Stumb about the Food Lion fund raiser program, which uses your MVP card number (no up front purchase or deposit required). He will be happy to help you register..